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CHOLESTEROL ACYLTRANSFERASE-2
EXPRESSION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

This paper is in response to the non-final Office Action dated September 9, 2003. A Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR §1.136 (a) to extend the time for response for one (1) month from December 9, 2003 to January 9, 2004 and appropriate fee under 37 CFR §1.17(a) are filed concurrently herewith.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 19 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 21 of this paper.

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